

RESIDENTS WITH CURBSIDE RECYCLING AND TRASH PICKUP

THE PROBLEM



THE PROBLEM: You know the problem...

Messy sidewalks and unsanitary trash conditions are a problem in the South End.

Here is your chance to join your neighbors, pitch in, help make the South End cleaner and healthier, and help the planet, too.

THE SOLUTION: RECYCLE and put out your trash properly.

Recycling is now easier than ever. The South End has been chosen to test the use of clear plastic bags in recycling collection.

You no longer have to separate your cans and bottles into your blue bin and collect your paper in a paper bag. Now, you have the more convenient option of mixing all your cans, bottles, and paper together and putting them in a clear plastic bag.

Place your trash in a strong black or green trash bag on the curb or in a small trash can.

THE SOLUTION



YOU CAN RECYCLE MORE AND TRASH LESS

More recycling equals less trash. Less trash means a cleaner, less treacherous sidewalk and a healthier neighborhood. Please follow the instructions below, keeping these items out of your trash and in your recycling bag or bin. **Challenge yourself: recycle everything you possibly can, fill up your recycling bag, and have the smallest amount of trash on the block.**

1. PAPER, CANS, AND BOTTLES

Please put the following items in your clear, plastic recycling bag

- Newspapers and inserts
- Magazines/catalogs
- Junk mail (remove free samples; plastic envelope window OK).
- Cardboard
- Office/Notebook paper (staples and paperclips OK)
- Pizza boxes (empty)
- White and colored paper/brown bags
- Telephone books
- Paperback books
- Food boxes (cereal, frozen food, etc.)
- Milk and juice cartons
- Glass bottles and jars (lid OK)
- Metal food cans
- Aluminum: cans, foil, and pie plates
- All plastic bottles and containers
- Juice and soymilk boxes

2. REDEEMABLE CANS AND BOTTLES

- If you have scavengers who rifle through your trash looking for redeemable cans and bottles, a possible solution is to separate these items from the rest of your recycling and put them in your recycling bin.
- Redeemable cans and bottles have a 5¢ deposit label.



3. EVERYTHING ELSE

- After you have recycled everything you can, place the remaining trash in a strong black or green plastic trash bag to be put curbside OR placed in a small trash can.

CLEAR PLASTIC BAG SPECIFICATIONS

Recycling bags must be

- Clear plastic
- 32 gallons or larger
- Two Ply

Get a FREE Clear Plastic Bag!

November 17th
10am-12pm
at Blackstone Park

YOU CAN FIND CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS AT

- Foodies Urban Market, 1421 Washington St
- Home Depot, 5 Allstate Rd (Dorchester)
- Walgreens, 1603 Washington St
- Giovanni's Market, 624 Columbus Av
- Shaw's, 53 Huntington Av

SEND US YOUR FEEDBACK

How do you like the new plastic bag recycling system? Send your feedback to recyclemore@cityofboston.gov.

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Thomas M. Menino, Mayor



RESIDENTS WITH ALLEY RECYCLING AND TRASH PICKUP



Several weeks ago, your building received a cart for recycling like the one pictured left. This new cart makes recycling easier than ever.

Did you know that almost 50% of most residential waste is recyclable? Because this percentage is so high, the City is asking residents to increase their recycling. Your neighborhood was selected to test the use of larger recycling receptacles. Now you have space to recycle everything in your household that is recyclable. See below for a detailed list of acceptable recyclable items.

Not only are the carts larger, but paper no longer has to be separated for recycling. Paper of all kinds may be tossed into the cart along with metal, plastic, glass, and aluminum cans and bottles.

During the pilot program, the carts will be monitored to see if they yield more recycling, less trash, more participation in the recycling program, and cleaner alleyways.

YOU CAN RECYCLE MORE AND TRASH LESS

More recycling equals less trash. Less trash means less expense and a better environment for all of us. **Challenge yourself: recycle everything you possibly can and help your building have the smallest amount of trash on the block.** If you don't already recycle, now is your chance.

Please keep the following items out of your trash and in your recycling cart. Please give food containers a quick rinse before recycling them.

- Newspapers and inserts
- Magazines/catalogs
- Junk mail (remove free samples; plastic envelope window OK).
- Cardboard
- Office/Notebook paper (staples and paperclips OK)
- Pizza boxes (empty)
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- Food boxes (cereal, frozen food, etc.)
- Milk and juice cartons
- Glass bottles and jars (lid OK)
- Metal food cans
- Aluminum: cans, foil, and pie plates
- All plastic bottles and containers
- Juice and soy milk boxes

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SOUTH END Recycling Pilot Program NEWS



YOUR NEW ALLEY RECYCLING PILOT PROGRAM IN ACTION: Look at this sparkling clean alleyway! Thanks to your recycling efforts and those of your neighbors, the alleyways of the South end are starting to gleam

